REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 27-29 are canceled. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-26 are allowable.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to incorporate the U.S. patent numbers of the references that are incorporated by reference. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101. The cancellation of claim 27 renders this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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